



Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight. Walk, don't run. Stay on sidewalks. Obey traffic signals. Stay in familiar neighborhoods. Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground. Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with the costume). Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit. Stay away from and don't pet unfamiliar animals.



Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out. Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult. If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home. You should know where they're going.
- Tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them inside (away from the door) to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame. If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a lit candle.

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